

# Garbage and Recycling: *the basics for condominiums and apartments*



## Garbage Rules

For the your garbage to be collected

- it must **not** contain leaves;
- it must **not** contain grass clippings (leave them on the lawn);
- it must **not** have any recyclables in it (see below);
- it must **not** contain construction or demolition material, or other things that won't burn;
- it must **not** contain large items such as stuffed furniture; and
- it must **not** contain metal items such as appliances or bicycles.

*Please...* Have your landlord or lawn care service compost whenever possible, and leave grass clippings on the lawn.

## Recycling Rules

The containers that go **loose** in the blue box, recycling barrel, or the bottle/can side of your large recycling container are

- **glass bottles & jars**—clear, green, and brown;
- **cans**—aluminum & steel ("tin");
- **aluminum foil & foil pie plates**;
- **plastic milk, water, or cider jugs**, (cloudy #2 only); and
- **milk cartons, juice cartons, and juice boxes**.



If your hauler refuses to take any of these materials (as long as they are clean), or if someone claims you can recycle other plastics in Branford, **call me!** Haulers are not allowed to make up their own rules for what we can or can't recycle in Branford.

Before you put containers in the recycling container

- throw away (in the garbage) any caps, corks, and screw-off lids;
- rinse containers enough so they won't smell; and
- **squash the milk jugs and the milk cartons** – otherwise we pay a lot of money to transport air.

Please

- **don't** put containers in bags. We want them loose;
- **don't give us clear or colored plastics (not even dyed white like a bleach bottle or white like the Hood™ milk jugs). We only take the cloudy ones that have the #2 symbol on the right; and**
- **don't** give us aerosol cans, plate glass, or anything that didn't have pet food or people food in it.



On top of the loose bottles and cans if you use a blue box, or in the newspaper barrel, or newspaper side of your large recycling container, put

- bundled **newspaper** including inserts, and
- bundled glossy **magazines** and glossy **catalogs**.

Either put them in a brown paper bag or tie with cotton string. They may be mixed together.

*Please*

- **don't** give us junk mail or other paper in the recycling container;
- **never** use plastic bags for any recycling, even if it is raining; and
- **never** mix newspaper/magazines together with the bottles/cans — they're going different places!

Next to your box we will also take **corrugated cardboard** (the 3-layer kind):



- Different locations collect this in different ways. Most places will accept 1 small bundle of corrugated cardboard which must be empty, clean, flattened, cut or folded to no more than 2 feet x 2 feet, and neatly stacked with no more than a few boxes.
- If you use “Toters” (wheeled carts) for recyclables, slide the flattened pieces between the 2 carts.
- Corrugated cardboard may be dropped off at the transfer station.
- Check with your landlord, property manager, association, or hauler for your corrugated cardboard recycling location and rules.
- Don’t give us the flat cardboard like cereal boxes or shoe boxes—throw them in the garbage.

### How to Get Rid of Other Things

- **Household hazardous waste** such as batteries, oil-based paint, pesticides, or cleaning products — Take to HazWaste Central in New Haven, open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon from mid-May through the end of October (except holidays), located on 90 Sargent Drive behind the Regional Water Authority. For more information: call 401-2712.
- **Car batteries** — Take to any place in the state that sells new ones.
- **Propane tanks** — Take to Berkshire Petroleum on Leetes Island Road for \$3.
- **Paper Grocery Bags** — Reuse to bundle newspaper and magazines; bring back to the store for your next batch of groceries; give to neighbors who need extra; or take to Branford Food Council or thrift stores. They may also be recycled with the corrugated cardboard.
- **Plastic Shopping Bags** — Reuse for shopping or as garbage bags; ***Never*** use them to bundle recyclables.
- **Phone books** can be recycled at the transfer station, or in the blue barrels near the driveway of the closed, brick, SBC/SNET building on Main St.
- **Styrofoam peanuts** are happily accepted at Ship Rite on Rte 139 around the corner from the Parthenon Diner.
- You may take **most other materials** to our transfer station / recycling center at 747 East Main St. It accepts **scrap metal, office paper, tires, used motor oil, brush, Christmas trees, large items, fluorescent bulbs, Computers & TVs, and demolition materials** (as well as all the garbage and recyclables we pick up). See transfer station flyer.



### Holiday Schedule



Recognized holidays for the transfer station are New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Lincoln's Birthday; Presidents' Day; Easter; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans' Day; Thanksgiving; and Christmas. Refer to the June schedule mailing to see when they are observed. Your hauler can tell you any variations in your collections schedule.

### More Information

Many other flyers are available for more details on what goes in the blue box, composting, grass clippings, household hazardous waste, use of the transfer station, and more things you can do to help our environment. Please ask. **Phone 315-0622**, or write to Peg Hall / Solid Waste Manager / P.O. Box 150 / Branford, CT 06405. Web site at [www.Branford-CT.gov](http://www.Branford-CT.gov)